

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-31, 33-64 and 66-76 are currently pending in the application.

Summary of Telephonic Interview

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Sheng for taking the time to conduct a telephonic interview on April 16, 2008. During the interview, the discussion focused on the proposed amendments to claims 1, 19, 31, 46 and 56 to which the Examiner responded favorably. The Examiner suggested an addition to the proposed amendments to address the situation where the first control element is stylus-focusable to which Applicants responded favorably.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 66-72 and 76 are allowed.

Claim Amendments

Without conceding the merits of the rejections in the Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 1, 19, 31, 33, 46 and 56 in an effort to expedite prosecution. No new matter has been added due to these amendments and support for these amendments can be found throughout Applicants' specification and figures.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 15-24, 29-31, 33-36, 39, 44-49, 54-59, 63, 64 and 73-75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,754,169 to Yashiro (hereinafter "Yashiro") in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,073,036 to Heikkinen et al. (hereinafter "Heikkinen"). Additionally, claims 8, 9, 37 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yashiro and Heikkinen, and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,900,869 to Higashio (hereinafter "Higashio"). Also, claims 11-14, 25-28, 40-43, 50-53 and 60-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yashiro, and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,239,789 to Sekizawa et al. (hereinafter "Sekizawa").

Regarding independent claims 1, 19, 31, 46 and 56, Applicants have amended these claims to include the allowable subject matter recited in independent claim 76. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 19, 31, 46 and 56 patentably define over the combination of Yashiro, Heikkinen, Higashio and Sekizawa. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 19, 31, 46 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

As claims 3, 4, 6-18 and 73 depend from claim 1, claims 20-30 and 74 depend from claim 19, claims 33-45 and 75 depend from claim 31, claims 47-55 depend from claim 46, and claims 57-64 depend from claim 56, Applicants further submit that the dependent claims likewise patentably define over the combination of Yashiro, Heikkinen, Higashio and Sekizawa. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, withdrawal of the rejections of the dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Bryan T. Giles, at (215) 564-8954 to discuss the resolution of any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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